MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the honourable member be pleased to say whether this road from Vazhakulam-Vazhithala was included in the list of roads recommended by the Committee?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am not aware. The first portion was made up some years ago. We have not had any demand for the second portion of the road.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Does the honourable member know that this road also was one of those roads recommended by the Committee but rejected in this year's budget?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have no notice of any such recommedation.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: I was told by the Committee that this road was recommended.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was not there.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the honourable member be pleased to see that this road is also taken up?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will look into the matter.

Routes to Sabarimala.

471. ***MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertalai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of routes to Sabarimala and their names;

(*b*) under whose supervision the routes are cleared and the cost of such clearance; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that fallen trees in all these routes are not cut and removed to enable the pilgrims a free passage?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 3. They are (1) from Vandiperiyar to Sabarimala *via* Sabarimala Estate; (2) from Erumeli to Sabarimala *via* Azhutha, Karimala, Pampa and Neelimala; and (3) from Ranni *via* Rajampara, Lahai Estate, Nilakkal, Thalappara, Kotta etc. to Pampa and crossing Pampa at Kurumkayam and thence to Sabarimala.

(*b*) Path No. 1 is cleared by the P. W. D. The cost of clearance in 1120 was Rs. 700.

(*c*) No.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member why the routes numbers 2 and 3 were not cleared this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am not able to say. I believe they are very hilly routes and it will take a considerable amount of money to put them right, and so the easiest road was made up for the time being.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that ordinarily pilgrims go to Sabarimala by the second route?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have no information and I shall enquire.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware that pilgrims who go to Sabarimala every year are put to very great difficulties on account of non-clearance, especially of this route No. 2?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has not come under our maintenance. I will enquire.

Idakad Market to Thundiyil Kadavu road.

472. ***MR. K. A MATHEW** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Idakad market to Thundiyil Kadavu road in Kuriannur, Tiruvalla taluk is in a very bad condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Chief Engineer will kindly look into the conditions of this road and assure himself whether it is in good condition or not?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will certainly look into it.

Alleppey-Quilon road.

473. ***MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a ryots road has been constructed leading from Koottuvathukkal ferry in Puthupally to the Alleppey-Quilon road;

(*b*) whether they have received representations from the people of the locality surrendering the same to Government for maintenance; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action they have taken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) A portion has been constructed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) On account of prohibitive cost at the present time, the work has to lie over.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know when the representation was received?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have not got the dates.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: With respect to answer (*c*), may I know whether the Government have any idea of handing over the construction of the road to local Road Committees?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Construction will be undertaken by the Public Works Department but the work of maintenance will be handed over to the local Road Committees.

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